

# Preliminary Environmental Discussion (PED)



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#### PED – What Is It?



- The Department providing project context.
- It is an opportunity to inform the ETAT, the public, and other agencies, as appropriate of unique project and alternative
- To communicate what we know relative to the specific:
- Project
- Alternative
- Issue
- We ask the ETAT to:
- · confirm our understanding,
- refine our understanding
- Tell us want we are missing
- PED provides reviewing agencies with context to aid them in providing actionable comments.

### PED - What Is It?

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- Opportunity to identify
  - resources we know about and whether we might come in contact with them (or not)
  - Coordination requirements
  - Technical studies
  - Permits

## PED - Purpose



- We are sharing information, not indicating a finding.
- It is an initial assessment of a project's potential effects to the environment and how the District intends to address or evaluate these effects as the project advances.
- It gives the District the opportunity to do a better job of communicating what is known.
- PED provides reviewing agencies with context to aid them in providing actionable comments.
- Asking reviewing agencies to respond to our impression.

## PED - When is it Required?



- PEDs are provided on every project screened
- PEDs are presented to ETAT as they provide comments
- PEDs are reused and a part of the Advance Notification Package



"Demographics are the single most important factor that nobody pays attention to, and when they do pay attention, they miss the point."

- Peter Drucker

























